

Sarah T. Bolton papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Sarah T. Bolton papers
Date	1850-1982, undated
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Biographical Note

Sarah Tittle Barrett was born on December 18, 1814 at Newport Barracks, Kentucky and moved to Indiana when she was three. She became a published poet at the age of thirteen. In 1831, she married Nathaniel Bolton in Jefferson County, Indiana and had two children, Sarah and James.

Sarah was an advocate of property rights for women, organizing a women's group which lobbied the Indiana Constitutional Committee on that subject in 1850, and she also wrote a poem in 1850, "The Union", in which she predicted the Civil War. She accompanied her husband, an appointed consulate, to Geneva, Switzerland in 1855. They returned to Indiana in 1857 due to his ill health.

After the passing of her first husband, Sarah was briefly married to Judge Addison Reese in 1863. She later purchased a farm in Beech Grove and was considered Indiana's unofficial poet laureate. Sarah died on August 4, 1893 and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery.

"Bolton, Sarah F.". 1850 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2013/08/13. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Bolton, Sarah". Indiana State Library Genealogy Database: Marriages through 1850. Retrieved 2013/08/13. http://web.isl.lib.kin.us/INMarriages1850/Marriages_results.asp

Gerard, Nancy. (1994). "Bolton, Sarah T.". In *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*. (p. 335). Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press. ISLI 977.201 M341Ien

Scope and Contents

This collection includes an autographed, signed letter and poems from Sarah T. Bolton in Indiana ranging from 1850 to 1892, with one undated, regarding marriage and life.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

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No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Jefferson County (Ind.)
- Kentucky

Personal Name(s)

- Bolton, Nathaniel

Subject(s)

- American poets
- Correspondence
- Poetry